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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 1997, Section 17.19.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code (Ordinance 113171, Section 1, as last amended by Ordinance 117913), is amended as follows:

**17.19.010 Seattle Center parking charges:**

A. Authorization to Establish Charges. The Seattle Center Director may establish, by rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 3.02 of the Seattle Municipal Code, regular and special charges for the use of parking facilities operated by the Seattle Center Department whether or not located within the bounds of the Seattle Center as defined by Ordinance 90160. All parking charges shall be inclusive of any taxes.

B. Regular Charges. The regular Seattle Center parking charges shall be composed of four (4) ~~((rate-structures))~~ types of charges: ((Special-Rates)) Nonevent charges, ((Regular)) Event ((Rate: )) charges, Stacked Parking ((Rates)) charges and Monthly ((Rates)) charges. Regular parking charges shall apply to all vehicles (including vehicles displaying disabled permits) unless the vehicle qualifies for a special parking charge pursuant to this section or rules adopted under this section. The regular charge shall be prorated commensurate with the size and number of parking space(s) required by vehicles, such as motorcycles, mopeds, buses, and other over- or under-sized vehicles.

1. Nonevent: ((Special-Rates)) Nonevent charges shall be in effect during times and in parking locations when parking demand is low as determined by the Director and shall not be less than One Dollar (\$1.00) for the first hour of parking nor greater than ~~((Five))~~ Six Dollars ((((\$5.00))) (\$6.00)) for any ten (10) hour period.

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2. Event: ~~((Regular)) Event ((Rates)) charges~~ shall be in effect during times  
and in parking locations when parking demand is high as determined by the Director and shall not  
be less than Three Dollars (\$3.00) for the first hour of parking nor greater than ~~((Seven)) Eight~~  
Dollars ~~(((\$7.00))) (\$8.00)~~ for any ten (10) hour period.

3. Stacked Parking: Stacked Parking ~~((Rates)) charges~~ apply whenever vehicles are  
parked bumper-to-bumper to maximize available space for a specific event on a nonreserved  
basis. Stacked Parking ~~((Rates)) charges~~ shall be not less than Three Dollars (\$3.00) nor more  
than ~~((Five)) Six Dollars (((\$5.00))) (\$6.00)~~ per vehicle for the specified event period. Vehicles  
may not exit the parking location prior to the end of the event and shall exit immediately after the  
event. A vehicle not moved immediately after an event may be towed.

4. Monthly Parking: Monthly Parking ~~((rates)) charges~~ shall be not less than  
~~((Twenty)) Thirty Dollars (((\$20.00) plus tax)) (\$30.00)~~ nor greater than Seventy Dollars  
(\$70.00) ~~((plus tax))~~ for a monthly parking permit valid on a space available basis.  
The~~((regular))~~ monthly parking charge may be prorated when a monthly parking permit is  
purchased for only a portion of a month in accordance with rules adopted under this section.

C. Special Parking Charges. At the discretion of the Seattle Center Director or such  
official's designee, ((Special)) special parking charges may ((include the following)) be established  
as follows:

1. Monthly Parking Discounts: For the simultaneous purchase, not for resale  
at a profit, of ten (10) or more monthly parking permits for a given month, a discounted charge  
equal to not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the ~~((regular))~~ monthly parking charge;

2. Parking Scrip: For the simultaneous purchase, not for resale at a profit, of  
one (1) or more books of Seattle Center parking scrip or the simultaneous purchase, not for  
resale at a profit, of one hundred (100) or more daily parking tickets, a discounted charge equal  
to not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the regular parking charge therefor;

3. Park and Ride Program: For the purchase, not for resale at a profit, of a  
parking permit for a given month by a participant in a Seattle Center Park & Ride program, a  
discounted charge equal to not less than fifty percent (50%) of the ~~((regular))~~ monthly parking  
charge;

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1                   4.   Reserved Parking Program: For the privilege of participating in the  
2 Mercer Street Garage or the Seattle Center Lot Reserved Area Parking Program (under which a  
3 parking space in such garage/lot is reserved for the participant on not less than three (3) dates  
4 that are specified by the participant), a charge of not more than ~~((Eight))~~ Nine Dollars ~~(((\$8.00)))~~  
5 (\$9.00) for the period of time coinciding with the event reservation plus a service charge of not  
6 less than One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) nor more than Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each  
7 parking order;

8                   5.   Reserved Stacked Parking Program: For the privilege of participating in  
9 the Reserved Stacked Parking Program (under which a stacked parking space in such garage/lot  
10 is reserved for the participant on not less than three (3) dates that are specified by the  
11 participant), a charge of not more than ~~((Five))~~ Six Dollars ~~(((\$5.00)))~~ (\$6.00) for each parking  
12 ticket, during the time periods specified by the participant plus a service charge of not less than  
13 One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) nor more than Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each parking order.  
14 Vehicles may not exit the parking location prior to the end of the event and shall exit immediately  
15 after the event. A vehicle not moved immediately after an event may be towed;

16                   6.   Vehicle In-and-Out Privileges: For the privilege of moving a vehicle in  
17 and out of a Seattle Center parking facility when a daily parking ticket is purchased, a surcharge  
18 of not more than Two Dollars (\$2.00);

19                   7.   Event Carpool: To encourage carpooling during Seattle Center festivals  
20 and events as designated by the Director, ~~((special))~~-Event Carpool ~~((Rates))~~ charges may be  
21 established based on vehicle occupancy, shall not exceed a rate of ~~((Nine))~~ Ten Dollars  
22 ~~(((\$9.00)))~~ (\$10.00) and shall be implemented at parking locations as designated by the Director.  
23 During designated Seattle Center festivals and events, the Event Carpool ~~((Rates))~~ charges for  
24 vehicles displaying valid disabled permits shall not exceed ~~((Eight))~~ Nine Dollars ~~(((\$8.00)))~~  
25 (\$9.00) regardless of vehicle occupancy. Seattle Center employees on paid status will pay the  
26 lowest carpool rate regardless of occupancy;

27                   8.   In Excess of Ten (10) Hours: For parking in excess of ten (10) hours up  
28 to a total of twenty-four (24) hours, a fee equal to twice the applicable Event or Non-Event  
~~((regular or special daytime))~~ parking charge for the designated location;

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1                   9.    Frequent User Pass: For the non-refundable purchase, not for resale at a  
2 profit, of a frequent user pass produced by the client and validated by Seattle Center for parking  
3 on five (5) or more specific dates with entry prior to a specified time of day for a duration of not  
4 more than two (2) hours of parking, a discounted charge equal to not less than fifty percent  
5 (50%) of the ((regular daily)) Event charge;

6                   10.   Parking Coupons: For the privilege of having the Seattle Center  
7 Department honor ((special)) parking coupons, a charge per event as follows:

8                               (a) If the Seattle Center Department incurs any costs for the production of  
9 the ((special)) parking coupons or any incremental staffing costs due to their use, then the greater  
10 of (i) the regular parking charges that would apply to the parking of all vehicles for which the  
11 ((special)) parking coupons are used plus the incremental staffing costs and actual production  
12 costs incurred by the Seattle Center Department, or (ii) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00);

13                              (b) If the Seattle Center Department incurs neither costs for the  
14 production of the ((special)) parking coupons nor incremental staffing costs due to their use, then  
15 the greater of (i) the regular parking charges that would apply to the parking of all vehicles for  
16 which the ((special)) parking coupons are used, or (ii) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

17                              For purposes of this subsection, a ((special)) parking coupon is a coupon  
18 authorized in advance by the Seattle Center Director or his or her designee, containing at a  
19 minimum the limitations and conditions and instructions specified by the Director or his or her  
20 designee, that is distributed by the sponsor of an event or activity expected to require the use of  
21 parking facilities operated by the Seattle Center Department, and that is surrendered by the driver  
22 of a vehicle at a parking facility operated by the Seattle Center Department in lieu of payment at  
23 the time of parking there.

24                   11.   Short-term Premises Licensees: For the purchase of a permit issued to short-  
25 term premises licensees for use of Seattle Center parking facilities for a specified duration, with  
26 in-and-out privileges, a charge of not less than Six Dollars (\$6.00) and not more than Twenty  
27 Dollars (\$20.00) per day;

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1 D. Permits for Parking Without Charge. At the discretion of the Seattle Center  
2 Director, ((special)) parking permits may be issued, without charge, to individuals providing  
3 uncompensated service to the Seattle Center Department or to the Seattle Center Advisory  
4 Commission, to any officer or employee of The City of Seattle or other governmental entity, or  
5 to any person in order to facilitate any contractor engaged in a construction or demolition project  
6 at Seattle Center, or to attendees of regularly scheduled veterans meetings held in the Veteran's  
7 Hall, or to enhance public safety.

8 ~~((E. Special Parking Charges for Short-term Premises Licensees. At the discretion of~~  
9 ~~the Seattle Center Director, special parking permits may be issued to short-term premises~~  
10 ~~licensees for the use of Seattle Center parking facilities for a specified duration, with in-and-out~~  
11 ~~privileges, at a charge of not less than Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5.50) and not more than~~  
12 ~~Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per day. ))~~

13 ((F))E. When Parking Charges Due and Payable. All parking charges imposed pursuant  
14 to this section shall be due and payable in advance or as of the commencement of the use of the  
15 subject area except when a short-term premises licensee has contracted to pay for  
16 parking fees as part of the Seattle Center Licensing Agreement.

17 ((G))E. Enforcement of Parking Charges. A parking surcharge equal to no more than  
18 ~~((one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable parking charge))~~ Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be  
19 due and payable whenever the applicable parking charge has not been paid at or before the time  
20 such parking charge became due and payable. An additional parking surcharge equal to no more  
21 than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be due and payable whenever the applicable parking charge  
22 or the first surcharge has not been paid within fourteen (14) days after the time the parking  
23 charge became due and payable. At the discretion of the Director, the Department may allow all  
24 or a portion of the parking surcharges collected by an agent to be retained by the agent in  
25 exchange for said agent's collection and remittance of the applicable parking charge to the  
26 Seattle Center.

27 ((H))G. Non-Public Parking Use of Parking Facilities. The Seattle Center  
28 Director or such official's designee is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City,  
licensing agreements for the use of all or a portion of a parking facility for a client's exclusive  
use for such times as such facility is not required for public parking or in use by contract made

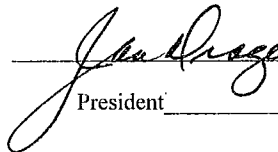
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pursuant to a specific ordinance, at a discounted charge equal to not less than fifty percent (50%)  
of the ((regular)) Nonevent ((parking)) charge therefor.


Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this  
ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after  
its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days  
after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

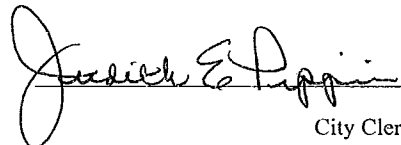
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me in open session in authentication of its passage this 18 day of November, 1996

  
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this 26 day of November, 1996

  
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Mayor

Filed by me this 26 day of November, 1996

  
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September 12, 1996

The Honorable Jan Drago  
President, Seattle City Council  
1100 Municipal Building  
Seattle, Washington 98104

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Via: Mayor Norman B. Rice

Attention: Tom Tierney, Director  
Office of Management and Planning

Subject: LEGISLATION TO CLARIFY PARKING TERMS, RETAIN  
DEPARTMENT FLEXIBILITY OVER PARKING CHARGES,  
AND MODIFY USE OF SURCHARGES IN SUPPORT OF  
PARKING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Councilmember Drago,:

Attached is proposed legislation to: 1. retain Department flexibility over parking charges within a range established by ordinance; 2. improve readability of the ordinance by establishing headings and consistent use of terms; and 3. allow the Department the option to use an agent to collect parking charges due the City and pay said agent a surcharge for its services.

This legislation amends SMC 17.19 to retain the flexibility for the Center to monitor and change parking charges within established guidelines. Regular charges will continue to vary from event charges during periods of higher parking demand to lower nonevent charges during periods of lower demand. The legislation increases the maximum charge available to the Department by \$1.00. Our proposed 1997 and 1998 budgeted charges are below the maximum charges established by this ordinance. The increase in authority of \$1.00 over and above the proposed 1997 and 1998 charges retains the flexibility which the Department has had over parking charges during the prior biennial budget to respond to market conditions. The Center will continue to adjust parking charges within the range designated in the legislation to promote the following goals: efficiently serve the needs of resident groups and the public, make the best use of available parking supply, encourage higher vehicle occupancy and alternative forms of transportation, be competitive with adjacent parking facilities and ration the available parking space and help relieve traffic congestion around Seattle Center. This legislation continues to provide the Department with the flexibility to develop and implement parking programs consistent with the stated goals.

Norman B. Rice  
Mayor

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Virginia Anderson  
Director

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Honorable Jan Drago  
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Language changes in this legislation provide headings for sections to improve readability of the ordinance and uses the terms special, regular and charges consistently throughout the ordinance.

The current ordinance allows the Center to impose a surcharge for nonpayment of parking fees at the time fees are due. This legislation allows the Department to increase the surcharge to an amount not to exceed \$15.00 and provides the customer an additional fourteen days to pay before being impacted by the surcharge. Currently, the Department administers its own collection program and assessment of surcharges. The Department is evaluating the cost effectiveness and customer service aspects of having a collection agent administer the parking enforcement program using a portion or all of the surcharges as payment for services. This legislation would allow the Department to modify its own enforcement program and/or implement a program with an agent to collect the applicable parking charges.

We continue to work with our constituent groups to develop a parking charge structure which balances the needs of our resident groups, accessibility for the public, the frequency of rate variations in response to market conditions and the revenue objectives of the City. The current legislation would continue to allow the Department the flexibility to monitor and change parking charges within established guidelines.

If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding this legislation, please contact Kerry Smith, the Center's Director of Finance and Resource Development, at 684-7334.

Sincerely,



Virginia Anderson

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City of Seattle, City Clerk

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The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$ , which amount has been paid in full.

*A. Kendall*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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*[Signature]*  
Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

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